MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether any recommendation has been made for constructing culverts and bridges on that road?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No.

Expenditure on diet in certain Government Hospitals.

198. MR. V. J. OOMMEN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the average expenditure per head incurred in the years 1103 and 1104 for diet for the in-patients of—

(i) the Government Hospital, Trivandrum;

(ii) the Women and Children's Hospital, Trivandrum;

(iii) the District Hospital, Quilon; and

(iv) the District Hospital, Alleppey;

(*b*) the average attendance of in-patients per day in the above hospitals;

(*c*) the cause of difference, if any, of expenditure per head in the above said four hospitals; and

(*d*) the total amounts sanctioned for each of the abovesaid hospitals during the years 1103 and 1104?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (*b*) and (*d*) A statement* containing the information asked for by the member is laid on the table.

(*c*) The difference is due to more causes than one, *viz.*, the difference in the cost of articles at the different stations, the quality and quantity of articles used in different cases according to the nature of the diseases, necessity of patients etc., and the fact that some patients are allowed to supply part of their diet.

Road from Pattanapuram to Shaliakkara.

199. MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): (1) Are the Government aware that the village road from Pattanapuram to Shaliakkara which is eight miles and four furlongs in length is not fit for cart traffic?

(2) If the answer to part (1) is in the affirmative, whether they will be pleased to take the necessary steps for making it fit for cart traffic?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes.

(2) The importance of the road does not at present justify such a step.

MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): ഈ റോഡ് പ്രാധാന്യമുള്ളതല്ലെന്ന എങ്ങിനെ മനസ്സിലായി?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): ഇതിനെക്കാൾ പ്രാധാന്യമുള്ള റോഡുകൾ പലതുമുള്ളതുകൊണ്ട് അവയെ അപേക്ഷിച്ച് ഇതു പ്രാധാന്യമുള്ളതായിട്ടുകരുതുന്നില്ല.

MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): ചീഫ് ഇഞ്ചിനീയർ ആസ്ഥലം പോയികണ്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

Excess salt in the Alleppey and Munambam Port Salt Depots.

200. MR. V. J. OOMMEN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether in the Alleppey and Munambam Port Salt Depôts, there were any occasions during 1100, 1101, 1102, 1103 and 1104 when excess salt was found at the end of a sale season; and

(*b*) whether such excess salt was ever credited in the Government accounts?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There were cases of excess in the two depôts at the time of emptying the sheds during each of the years from 1100 to 1104.

(*b*) The excess was credited to the Government.

Bridge at Chunkam.

201 MR. F S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of months since the bridge at Chunkam, Alleppey, became unfit for use;

(*b*) the number of months since it was dismantled;

(*c*) the year in which the estimate for the bridge was sanctioned; and

(*d*) the reasons for the delay in carrying out the work?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) to (*d*) The member is referred to the answers to parts (*b*) (*c*) and (*e*) of interpellation No. 101 asked by Mr. V. J. Oommen.

Minimum qualification for District Registrars and the Director of Registration.

202. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have fixed, by any G. O. or otherwise, that only a graduate in arts could be appointed as a District Registrar;

(*b*) if so, the date of such order or rule; and

(*c*) whether the above rule does not apply to appointment as Director of Registration, and, if not, why not?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) 13th September 1911.

(*c*) No; the rule was intended to apply only to the District Registrars.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*). With reference to the answer to part (*b*) may I know whether, after the 13th September 1911, any person, who is not a graduate, has been appointed as District Registrar?

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